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A list of Affiliated Federations and Groups will be sent on application. Group Affiliation fee: 6d. per member per annum; minimum, 5/-.

This Official Organ is sent each month to Fellows and Members.

"INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE."—A monthly magazine in English, devoted to the study of the International Language problem. Includes instructional articles on Esperanto and The Esperanto Student, a supplement for beginners. Subscription, 2/6 per annum, post free.

THE

ESPERANTO PUBLISHING COMPANY, LTD.

This company has been formed to further the publishing of good Esperanto works in Great Britain. The first Directors are Robert Robertson, Edmund W. Willcocks, and Cecil C. Goldsmith. It is entirely independent of the British Esperanto Association, but the two bodies will work in harmony. The Company will do wholesale business only. Retail orders in Great Britain will be accepted through the B.E.A. and booksellers in the usual way.

The first book to be published will be *The Origin of Man*, by Professor Sir Arthur Keith, M.D., D.Sc., L.L.D., F.R.S. This book consists of Sir Arthur Keith's Presidential Address to the British Association last year, which caused great controversy, with the addition of some explanatory chapters afterwards added by the author. It has been translated by Professor Wm. Brown, B.Sc., M.I.E.E., M.R.I.A., Mr. F. R. A. McCormick, A.R.C.Sc.I., A.M.I.C.E.I., and Mr. K. R. Sturmer, D.B.E.A., and is being published in Esperanto by kind permission of the author and of Messrs. Watts & Co., the publishers of the English edition. It will probably be ready about the end of April.

This will be followed in June or July by the publication of an excellent translation of Sir H. Rider Haggard's Moon of Israel. Permission to translate this into Esperanto was given by the author just before his death, and permission to

publish it has been given by Messrs. John Murray, the holders of the copyright.

The LONDON CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The London Chamber of Commerce will hold their yearly Examinations in Esperanto, on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m. The last day for receiving names is March 19th, 1928.

Prizes are offered amounting in all to £15:6:0. Old Specimen Papers: 2d. each, post free, from the Chamber, not from the B.E.A.

All entries must be made through a recognised Local Centre. A Syllabus, with list of Centres, Time Tables, and all particulars relating to the examinations, may be obtained for 4d. post free (gratis to teachers), from the London Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Education Department, Oxford Court, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.

Fees: 4/- for the "Junior" (Elementary), and 6/6 for the "Senior" (Advanced); must be paid to the local secretary of the Chamber. In places where there is no local secretary the Chamber will provide a Secretary and an Examiner, if application is made at once.

Address all enquiries not to the B.E.A., but to the Secretary of the Chamber, Oxford Court, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.

If these examinations are to be continued, it is essential that there should be a satisfactory number of entries. Group Secretaries and Class Leaders should therefore encourage their students to enter.

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In the report of the Committee on the Future of the Association, issued in September, 1925, it was indicated that modifications in the government of the Association might be advisable in the near future. At the request of the Council the matter was very fully considered by the Executive, and a draft scheme was prepared and circulated to all Groups and Councillors. At the Council Meeting of December, 1927, the general outlines of the scheme were approved. It was then further discussed and modified by the Conference of B.E.A. and Federation Officials held in Birmingham in January, 1928, and again considered by the Executive, and at the Council Meeting on February 18th it was passed for submission to the Annual General Meeting in the following form:—

(a) Councillors. Ordinary Councillors to be elected as at present. There should also be Regional Councillors elected to represent areas. Areas with more than 100 B.E.A. Members to elect an additional Councillor for each 100 (or major part of 100) Members in excess of 100. The delimitation of the areas to be decided by the Council. Voters may vote for any one area. Candidates need not be resident in the area for which they are nominated.

(b) Federations to elect one Councillor each, as at present; to be formally affiliated, and to pay an

affiliation fee of 10/- per annum.

(c) Group Affiliation Fee to be a flat one of 5/- per annum, and there to be no Delegate Councillors for Groups.

(d) Associateship to be discontinued.

(e) Junior Members to be admitted at 2/6 per annum under 18 years of age, and to have the usual privileges of Membership, except that they may vote for Regional Councillors only.

(f) Group Representatives to be abolished.

The following is a brief summary of the considerations which have led to these proposed changes:—

(a) The Ordinary Councillors are retained in order to ensure continuity of policy and management, as they are elected for three years.

(b) The present system of Group Delegate Councillors is considered to be unfair in its working, as it gives a Group with only one B.E.A. member exactly the same voting power as one with 200 members. Moreover, a good active Esperantist should have an opportunity to become a Council member, even if well-known only in his or her own locality, and this opportunity is given by the proposed Regional System.

(c) It is suggested that the Affiliation fee for Groups be a flat one of 5/-, partly as being simpler in working, partly as it will enable Groups to support the Federations more effectively, and partly to meet the argument (sometimes used by Group members), that as the group pays the B.E.A. 6d. per head for them

there is no reason why they should join the B.E.A. as individual members.

(d) Little advantage has been taken of this. There are only three Associates at present.

(e) This will probably bring many juniors into the Movement, who should become full members on reaching the age of 18.

(f) Group Representatives vote only at Annual and Special General Meetings. Very few groups have appointed Group Representatives, and in any case they are unnecessary, as groups can always be represented at such meetings by any of their members who are members of the B.E.A.

IMPORTANT. — These proposals are of great importance, and it is desirable that the opinion of every member should be obtained regarding them. If you wish to vote either for or against these proposals, and cannot be present at Newcastle, you may obtain a proxy form from the B.E.A. office.

B.E.A. COUNCIL MEETING, 18th February, 1928.

Nineteen Councillors were present; eight apologised for absence.

Consideration was given to the Balance Sheet and Accounts, the Annual Report, the Ballot List, the Annual Circular, and Guarantee matters. It was decided to invite groups to support the Esperanto Examinations of the London Chamber of Commerce. Suggestions from the Birmingham Conference and the Executive on the policy of International Language were passed on to the Editor, who was given a free hand, and authorised to increase the amount of Esperanto matter. Proposals were made for the future government of the Association (see above). A resolution was passed in support of the Lingva Komitato on the land-name question, an invitation to Canterbury for the 1929 B.E.A. Congress was passed on to the A.G.M. with a recommendation to accept, and suggestions were discussed for a Teacher's Diploma.

B.E.A. EXECUTIVE (Three meetings, Jan.-Feb., 1928).

It was decided to continue to exhibit as publishers at the Conference of Educational Associations, on present lines; to insure the B.E.A. stock and the B.E.A. Library more adequately; to allow to the Esperanto Publishing Co. Ltd. the use of the Association's address at an agreed figure till further notice; and to make a grant of £10 to the Library for binding.

VARIOUS.

A handsome Oil Portrait of Zamenhof, painted by Felix Moscheles, formerly the property of the late Mrs. Moscheles, has been given to the B.E.A., and is now on view in the office.

Crossing on Wrappers. We have occasionally had complaints that wrappers were crossed when subscriptions were not due. In many cases this has been due to a doubtful joke on the part of someone unknown while the magazine was in transit. To obviate this, in future an Esperanto star will be stamped on the wrapper when subscriptions are due, instead of a cross.

The Bulgarian Society for the Succour of Homeless Children sends an appeal in Esperanto for help to collect 50,000 dollars for the purchase of an estate for its charitable purposes. Address: Car Samuil 133, Sofia.

"Reality," New York, in its February number has an excellent Radio talk on Esperanto, by Julia Goldzier.



THE B.E.A. CARAVAN.

Particulars of arrangements we have made for Members to visit this congress appeared in our last issue, and also in the current issue of International Language. Bookings are coming in fast, and there is no doubt that the special

ship we are running will be well filled.

You will, however, help us very considerably, and at the same time ensure a berth for yourself, if you book early. There is no need to send the full fare when booking—a deposit of 10/- is sufficient. Remember that in August all the ordinary boats are packed to over-flowing. On our special ship you will be able to travel in comfort, but if you leave it too late you cannot blame us if there is no space available.

DON'T DELAY: BOOK TO-DAY.

19th BRITISH ESPERANTO CONGRESS, Newcastle, May 25 - 28, 1928.

Members have already received an enrolment form and full details. Additional copies on application. It is hoped that the attendance this year will be a record one, for the matters to be discussed, as also the programme, will be of unusual interest.

The provisional programme is already in the hands of members, and it only remains to repeat that early application for Congress Tickets and for accommodation would very greatly help. Price: 3/6 (5/- after April 30th). Children under 16, 1/6.

All further information from the Secretary, Mr. A. R. Fairbairn, 21 St. Mary's Terrace,

Ryton-on-Tyne.

One correction in the programme should be noted: the Annual Meeting of the B.E.A. will be held at 3.0, not at 4.30 as previously announced.

VARIOUS.

Divine Service in Esperanto will be held on Easter Sunday, 8th April, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Ethelburga's Church, 72 Bishopsgate London, E.C., when the speaker will be Mr. A. W. Thompson, F.B.E.A. (Avoto).

Examinations will be held at the B.E.A. Office on Friday, March 30th. Advanced 6-9; Elementary 6.15-9.15. Fees: 3/-, 1/6, respectively. Candidates should give notice of intention to sit.

South Wales Federation Conference: 24 March, Friends' Meeting House, 10 Charles St., Cardiff, 3.0. Public Meeting, 7.30. Prof. J. J. Findlay will speak.

ANNUAL REPORT.

REPORT of the Council to be presented to the Members at the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting to be held at the Armstrong College, Newcastle, on Saturday, 26th May, 1928, at 3.0 p.m.

The Council is happily able to report satisfactory progress in many directions during 1927, as will be seen in the following paragraphs. At the same time the year has afforded no relief from the harassing problem of finance. The Council therefore calls upon all Members to read through this report attentively, with a view to determining their own action in the task of redressing all adverse conditions.

Obituary.—The Association has lost many good friends during the past year, and the Movement generally many earnest workers, among whom may be mentioned Mr. J. J. H. Burgess, Mr. K. B. Divekar, Mrs. Dove, Mr. F. Hadfield, Mr. W. Higgins, Mr. R. Horner, Mr. J. L. King, Dr. C. H. Langford, Mr. H. Morley, Mrs. Moscheles, Mr. C. Parker, Miss A. Peckover, Rev. J. C. Rust, Mr. W. E. Smith, Mrs. K. Thilander, Mrs. Van der Biest, Miss L. E. Waddy, and Mrs. M. M. Wilson.

The Council records its sincerest sympathy with the relatives of these "pacaj batalintoj," the memory of whose labours must be an unfailing inspiration to those who have had to close up the ranks.

To her untiring lifetime labours, Mrs. Moscheles has added a bequest of £50 to the funds of the Association.

Officers.—The Association has had the great advantage throughout the year of the uninterrupted services of its able and experienced Staff, working in the new premises with satisfactory accommodation for the execution of their duties. Consequently, a great volume of work has been carried through smoothly, and without complaint external or internal. The Council also wish to place on record their warm appreciation of the services rendered to the Association during the past twelve months by Mr. Robert Robertson, the Honorary Secretary. He has accomplished a great amount of work with tact, discretion, and ability; and his unfailing courtesy has endeared him to members and staff alike. It may be interesting to note a few-

Statistics.—Circulars despatched during the year: 6264. (These figures were exceeded in 1926, owing to the extra work involved in the change of subscription). Letters received: 16,747. Letters sent: 24,500. Press cuttings received: 847. New Esperanto Works listed in The British Esperantist: 163.

Subscriptions.—It was not anticipated that

the halving of the subscription rate would be completely redressed within the year by a more than doubling of the number of Members, but good progress has been made in this direction, and there are hopeful signs that the present year will see the achievement of this aim.

Finance.—The expenditure is almost at the same figure as last year, which suggests that the irreducible minimum" has been reached in this respect. The 50% reduction in the subscription rate for Members required a great and enthusiastic compensatory effort. This has been ungrudgingly given by many, to whom the Council renders hearty thanks. Many have been good enough to remit as a donation the 5/saved to them; and others have enlisted new Members; with the result that the combined figures of Subscriptions and Donations are only £42 short of those of the previous year. On the other hand, it is greatly to be regretted that many Members have failed to realize that the privilege of paying so greatly reduced a subscription necessarily involved the duty of finding further subscribers. It is to be hoped that during 1928 these will endeavour with energy to reduce the resulting deficit.

Membership.—Our Membership on the 31st December was 154 Fellows; 1361 Members; 4

Associates; making a total of 1519.

Book-Sales.—Though 1927 provided no special material or occasion for swelling Sales—as did 1926 with La Sankta Biblio, the Kantaro, and the Edinburgh Congress,—the results in this department make gratifying comparison with those in any other preceding year.

The following were the sales of some of the principal text-books, etc.: Esperanto Teacher, 2300; Esperanto for all, 2500; Esperanto in Twelve Lessons, 220; Esperanto Manual, 633; Roston's Rapid Course, 900; Keys, 7000; Dictionaries, 1725.

A striking feature of this year has been the improvement in the sale of better class and more

expensive literary works, particularly of those in

cloth bindings.

Federations and Groups.—The development of the "entente cordiale" between Headquarters and Federations,—largely due to visits of representatives of the former to Federation Conferences—will cause all-round satisfaction. There is excellent promise of future relations which cannot fail to be of great benefit to the Association and to the Movement generally.

Local Representatives.—This new Service on behalf of the Association—due to the initiative of our Business Manager, Mr. C. C. Goldsmith—has already justified its creation by the number of new B.E.A. Members which it has recruited.

It has, however, scarcely had time to show its full possibilities, and its development may be watched with hopeful interest. Local Representatives are still needed in a number of towns, and offers of service will be welcomed from members in places where these do not at present exist.

"British Esperantist."—Although the older Members of the Association recall with a sigh of regret the "B.E." of pre-war days, all admit that our present "Official organ"—in its necessarily condensed form—has thoroughly fulfilled its duty, and been replete with information and interest.

"International Language."—By careful administration a further reduction in cost has been made, but this has unfortunately been set off by a reduced income. Those who so freely give of their time and thought in its production look to Members generally to do their utmost to promote its success on the financial side. With a continuation of the present capable editing and management under Mr. L. N. Newell, and with possible development, this Magazine should become a credit item in the accounts, as it is a most creditable and valuable instrument in our activities.

Examination Committee. — In our last Report a hope was expressed that a large increase would be observable in the examination statistics for 1927. That hope has been realized.

The total number of candidates for certificates during 1927 was the highest for the last ten years. The average yearly total during that decade was 245; the total for 1927 was 324.

ADVANCE	D			ELEMENTA	RY
Distinction	15	0.5	53	Distinction	78
Pass	36		,u	Pass	110
Failed	12	33		Failed	73
Total	63			Total	261
(Last yea	r, 41)	3 3		(Last year	r, 188)

Of these examinations 16 Preliminary and 16 Advanced were taken by correspondence (last year, 11 Preliminary, 15 Advanced).

The Council very highly appreciates the constant and capable manner in which Mr. W. Harvey and his fellow-members of the Examination Committee carry out their onerous duties. This side of the Association's activities always runs with perfect smoothness and regularity; the advice given to unsuccessful candidates is helpful and much appreciated; while all candidates are encouraged, and with success, to join as Members.

Literary Committee. — The proposals for Literary Competitions during 1928, for prizes to be awarded out of the various funds placed at the Committee's disposal, appear on the first page of The British Esperantist for November

1927. The results of the competitions for 1927 appear on page 210 of the Journal for May of that year.

Instruction Committee.—It is gratifying to note that the success of the B.E.A. Standard Correspondence Courses has been well maintained. New friends find these Courses most helpful. The Honorary Secretary of the Courses expresses great pleasure in the able work done by the tutors, who give up much valuable time and spare no effort to ensure complete satisfaction to students.

The Council gratefully thanks the Honorary Tutors and the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Clayton, for the splendid work done by these

ladies and gentlemen.

Publications Committee.—During the year an important change was made in the status of the Committee. By a resolution passed on October 1st by the Council, to whom the matter was referred by the Annual Meeting, the control of the Publications Fund was placed in the hands of three Trustees: Messrs. Clayton, Page, and Robertson; the Publications Committee continuing as an advisory body to the Executive on matters of publishing.

The Committee has had under its notice a number of manuscripts, but lack of capital has prevented it from undertaking publication at the

present time.

Stocks of the text books published by the Committee have proved sufficient to render unnecessary further printings during the year, but outlay in this respect will probably be required

during 1928.

Radio Committee.—After a very quiet start, 1927 became a year of activity for this On May 12th, at Lausanne, Committee. the Union Internationale de Radiophone (the official Union of Broadcasting Authorities) unanimously passed a resolution favouring Esperanto, wherein Members were asked to broadcast weekly a synopsis of the following week's programme, and nightly the names of their stations, in Esperanto. The B.B.C., a Member of the Union, subsequently stated that it is in sympathy with the idea but cannot carry it out in detail, as it does not publish programmeinformation prior to the issue of Radio Times, but that it hopes to consider the possibility of an Esperanto course when the "alternative programme" scheme is in full working order. Soon after the announcement of the Lausanne success, the Committee was enlarged by the addition of several useful members. The enlarged Committee soon consolidated friendships with the B.B.C., and also submitted several schemes for its approval, but no immediate results can be reported.

Library. — The Reference Library has been considerably enriched by additions of various kinds, and, under the Curatorship of Mr. M. C. Butler, is rapidly becoming one of the finest Esperanto libraries in the world. Its value in providing material for research work, and as a source of information of all kinds in connection with the movement, is increasingly manifest. Hearty thanks are due to Mr. E. A. Hawkins, who has given much valuable help.

At the risk of monotony it must be repeated that there is very inadequate shelving accommodation, and that quantities of books and magazines remain inacessible owing to lack of funds for binding and housing. An application for a grant of £50 was made to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, but unfortunately proved unsuccessful.

Presentation to our President.—The event of the year which excited the greatest amount of general interest was the wedding of Mr. Merchant with Miss Alice M. Bewley, Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation. Seizing the opportunity provided by this event, and the occasion of the Annual Dinner, the Council and Members united in the heartiest thanks and good wishes, which were expressed in an album containing the signatures of the subscribers and accompanied by a gentleman's wardrobe and a lady's diamond pendant, with a cheque for the balance. The total sum subscribed was £64:9:4.

The document, as an historic one, is here quoted:—

Al Altestimata S-ro John Merchant, Prezidanto de La Brita Esperantista Asocio.

Konstatinte, kiel vi bonkore kaj ŝtatiste direktis la aferojn de nia Asocio en la daŭro de ses jaroj, forte subtenis ĝin en tempo de bezono, kaj ĝin liberigis de multe da malhelpo; konsciante, ke per senĉesa kaj sinoferema laborado por la Esperanta Movado, kaj instigado kaj kuraĝigado al viaj kunlaborantoj, vi estas tirinta al vi la koramon de la tuta Brita Esperantistaro; sciante, ke vi nun intencas fari la rekordon esti la unua Prezidanto de nia Asocio kiu edziĝis dum la tenado de la ofico; Ni Deziras Kroniki Nian Plej Sincran Dankon pro via honorinda Prezidanteco, kaj malkaŝe esprimi nian ŝategon pri via netaksebla, sindonema Esperanta penado; kaj, gratulante vin pri la antaŭvido al estonta feliĉo edzeca via, ni petas vian afablan akcepton de la ĉi-kunaj donacoj, kaj de nia korega bondeziro por Longa Kaj Sana Vivo, Plena je Ĝojo De Plua Laboro Por Nia Asocio Kaj La Tuta Homaro.

La 10an de Decembro, 1927.

Cheltenham Congress.—The Association is undoubtedly very greatly indebted to Mr. W. M. Appleby and those who actively supported him, for this most successful Congress. It had the great advantage of an extended period (the Easter holidays instead of Whitsun), and the weather conditions were very favourable, but apart from this the whole organization and arrangement contributed to make the occasion memorable.

"Esperanto Diary." — This "poŝlibreto" was a new departure, and proved so successful

that an enlarged and improved edition will probably be issued for 1929.

In closing, the Council tender hearty thanks to those members who have shown their appreciation of the need of earnest recruiting effort rendered essential by the reduction of subscription. They would also express their indebtedness to the guarantors, without whose helpful optimism it would at present be utterly impossible to carry on the Association's work. In addition, they would record their gratitude to the donor-who desires to remain anonymous-of the twenty guineas which made possible the journey of our Business Manager to the Danzig Congress, where he was able to effect some useful negoti-They again have to express high appreciation of the initiative and self-sacrificing labours of the Secretary, Mr. Montagu C. Butler, the Business Manager, Mr. Cecil C. Goldsmith, and the other members of the staff.

And finally, they would urgently appeal for the fullest co-operation of every member of the Association in raising the subscription income to the extent requisite to balance the necessary expenditure of the Association. They are confident that there are in the Association's field of work more than sufficient Esperantists to ensure its adequate support, and in addition there are numberless philanthropic persons, who if approached would be happy to become participants in an undertaking with a world-wide mission such as that of our Association.

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR.

Twenty-Fourth Annual General Meeting (Twenty-second since incorporation) of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated), will be held on Saturday, 26th May, 1928, in the ARMSTRONG COLLEGE, NEWCASTLE, at 3.0 p.m. prompt.

AGENDA.

(a) Receive the Annual Report of the Council.

(b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.

(c) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the result of the ballot for Officers and Ordinary Councillors.

(d) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.(e) Receive Report as to Guarantee Fund for the

year 1927.

f) Consider as to place for holding the next Annual General Meeting.

g) Consider the future of the B.M.M.F.

(h) To consider the suggested alterations in the organization of the Association (see p. 10), and, if they are approved, to instruct the Council to make arrangements for the necessary alterations in the Articles and Byelaws.

i) Consider, and if necessary take action, with reference to any business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is also hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held at the conclusion of the said General Meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

Ballot Lists are enclosed herewith to Fellows and Members. Ballot Lists are also sent to Group Secretaries for distribution amongst their Group Representatives. The latest date for the return of the Ballot Lists is 19th May, 1928.

The following is a list of the present Council:-

Hon. President:

J. M. Warden.

President:

John Merchant.

Vice-Presidents:

J. J. Boutwood, J.P. Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., Ph.D. W. Harvey, I.S.O.

Hon. Secretary:

Robert Robertson.

Hon. Treasurer:

Charles A. Fairman.

Ordinary Councillors:

Due to retire in 1928-

H. A. Epton. J. T. Holmes. H. Nicol.

Miss O'Brien.

Due to retire in 1929-

J. D. Applebaum. Rhodes Marriott. L. N. Newell. W. M. Page.

Due to retire in 1930--W. M. Appleby. Miss J. Baird.

P. Blaise. B. E. Long.

Delegate Councillors:

Groups-

Aberdeen ... E. H. Lawton
Accrington ... H. E. Roberts
Banbury ... Mrs. Gillett
Barrow-in-Furness ... J. J. Birkett
Bath ... E. R. Blackett
Belfast ...

Birmingham ... Miss M. L. Blake

Bournville ... E. G. Mawson

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Blackburn			F. Savage
Bournemouth			E. G. Worthington
Bradford	•••	•••	Miss M. E. Parker
Brighton	• • •	•••	J. G. Sims
Bristol	:11	•••	W. F. Westmancote L. N. Newell
Buckhurst H. Burnley			W. B. Currie
Burntisland		•••	I. Rødger
Cardiff		•••	H. A. Epton
Cheltenham		•••	A. Yates
Coventry		•••	Miss C. O. Taylor
Croydon	• • •	•••	C. A. Fairman
Deal	•••	•••	C. E. Cowper
Eastbourne	•••	•••	LtCol. Robinson Mrs. Clayton
Edinburgh Glasgow	•••	•••	G. D. Buchanan
Hastings		•••	G. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.
Huddersfield		•••	J. H. Fitton
Humberston			J. C. Brown
Keighley	•••	• • •	T. A. Riley
Kettering		•••	A. E. Smith
Kingston-on-		a s	Mrs. E. M. Kendrick H. Shore
Leeds Leith	•••		G. Dickinson
	•••	•••	Miss E. Young
Liverpool		•••	J. D. Applebaum
London (Cen	tral)		Miss B. M. Barker
Balham			Miss A. L. Borel
Bethnal G		•••	H. Tingey
Charing C	ross	•••	G. N. Farmer
Fulham	•••	•••	K. R. Sturmer H. Moy Thomas
South Transport	& Gov	eral	
Workers			
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Luton	•••	•••	W. A. Gething
Manchester	•••	•••	I. H. Wright
Motherwell	•••	•••	J. G. Kinniburgh
Plymouth	•••	•••	A. E. Rockey F. R. Pope
St. Helens Sheffield	•••	•••	G. W. Roome
Shipley		• • •	Miss M. E. Parker
Southend-on	_	• • •	Miss W. A. Main
Tonbridge	• • •	•••	Rev. W. J. Downes
Torquay	•••	• • •	W. R. Wood
Watford	0	:4	R. P. Jones
Welwyn Gar	taen C	ity	C. G. Chinn Miss F. Squire
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Federations—			
East Midlan	id	•••	Miss E. Richardson
		shire	Mrs. A. M. Merchant
			F. Sutcliffe
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(Copy of the Ballot List sent to Members, Fellows and Affiliated Groups in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws).

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Report of Auditor to Members of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated).

I have audited the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st December, 1927, together with the annexed Balance Sheet of the General Fund, of the same date.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, these Balance Sheets are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Association.

> (Signed) G. H. COATES, F.C.I.S., F.A.A., Auditor.

GENERAL FUNDS.

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East Midland. 50 ĉeestis la Konferencon 4 Feb., en Chesterfield. Ĉio montris signojn de sana vivo kaj kresko. Bona publika kunveno vespere. La venonta konferenco okazos en Derby, 14 Aprilo.

South Eastern. La Federacio invitis la B.E.A. kongreson al Canterbury en 1929. Venonta Konferenco

en Tonbridge, Junio.

Southern. In order to facilitate the sending of a Federation Delegate to future Interfederation Conferences it is suggested that every member should purchase one or two boxes of "Esperanto" soap: the profit on which would about cover the Delegate's expenses. The idea is worthy of imitation.

South Midland. S.M.E.F.: "South Midland Easily First" is the new slogan. The Federation will arrange a visit of six Esperantists from six other countries to various towns in the Federation area in September next. The propaganda value of this tour should be very great.

South Western. The six-page Bulletin La Kompaso is full of matters of interest. The Rondiranto of the Federation contains one or two articles of real excellence, which deserve a wider circulation.

West Midland. La ĉiujara raporto montras kreskon de 34 en la membraro (nun 270). Kreskis Birmingham, Bosbury, Bournville, Cheltenham, Kenilworth, Leamington, Ross; malkreskis Banbury, Lye, Oxford. La financa stato de la konferenco estas kontentiga.

KRONIKO GRUPA, KURSA, LOKA.

Bournville. Oni raportas, ke 15 Esperantaj kursoj okazas en la urbo. Bravege!

Bristol. La ĉiujara kunveno okazis 25 Jan. Montriĝis, ke la societo sane funkcias. Dum la jaro oni vendis librojn ĝis £14.

Cheltenham. La jara raporto montras 47 membrojn kaj kontentigan saldon. La grupo havas propran kunvenejon kaj bonan bibliotekon, kaj du kursojn, krom la grupkunveno. Je 19 Aprilo okazos ekspozicio kaj festo. La loka Bibloteko ĉiusemajne montras Heroldon.

Chesterfield. Nova grupo fondiĝis kaj filiiĝis al la B.E.A. Sekretario: H. Ingham, 20 Abercrombie St. Kunvenoj je sama adreso, vendrede, 7.0. Gratulon kaj bondeziron.

Guildford. Je 21 Feb., antaŭ la Natural History Society prelegis S-ro W. J. Sharp. Prezidis: S-ro H. F. Arni.

Letchworth. Prelego, 20 Jan., de S-ro P. J. Cameron ce la Adoltlernejo.

St. Leonard's. Dudek kvar knaboj en St. Leonard's Collegiate School lernas Esperanton sub la instruo de S-ro]. Turner.

Southend. Vizito de S-ino Blaise al la loka grupo (3 Feb.) rezultigis tre bonajn raportojn en la loka gazetaro.

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Aviation. In the January issue of Aeronautica 15 Koningstraat, Arnhem, Holland, is an article in Esperanto and French by Mr. Ernest Archdeacon, entitled, "Aerveturado kaj Esperanto." The Editor invites opinions of readers on a continuation of this feature.

Esperanto at the 1929 Jamboree, Mr. D. H. Davis, Treasurer of the Scouts' Esperantista League, 23 East Dulwich Grove, London, S.E. 22, invites help for two objects: (1) for a Capital Fund of £200, towards which a good beginning has been made, and (2) gifts towards a special Propaganda Fund of £30 needed for work at the Jamboree. Any help given would materially aid a section of our movement which does steady good work, and is far too little known.

VERKOJ RICEVITAJ.

Por Esperanto. Propaganda trakto en japana lingvo.

Einfuhrung in die deutsche Sprachlehre. Hilfsbuch zur Vorbereitung auf fremdsprachliche Kurse, von C Schattat. Metodo por instruo de enlanda lingvo al fremduloj. Oftaj aludoj al Esperanto. En germana lingvo, 38 pp., ĉe Hartungsche Verlagsdruckerei, Königsberg i Pr., Münchenhofstrasse Nr. 2. Prezo ne montrita.

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Kristana Esperantista Ligo Internacia. Priskriba flugfolio. Senpaga, ĉe S-ro C. A. Fairman, 24 Binfield Road, London, S.W.4.

Esperanto Lehr- und Lesebuch I: nun 2/-, ne 1/6. Korkondance al Ekzecaro: ne plu havebla.

Oficiala Almanako de la Tutmonda Polica Ligo kaj Tutmonda Ligo de la Ordo. IIIa jaro, 1926. Dika volumo, 576 pp., ilustrita. Enhavo: Organizo de la Ligo; Statutoj de dek-unu fakaj ligoj; Reguloj por propagandlaboro; Historio de la Ligo; Propagandvojaĝoj; Statistiko laŭnoma pri 2881 membroj; germanlingvaj propagandartikoloj; Korespondfako; artikoloj en lingvoj angla, franca, itala, hispana, sveda, bohema. 37 ilustraĵoj. Prezo: 6ŝ, kun membreco de la Ligo kaj abono al La Policisto; ĉe A. Marich, Ulloi-ut 59, IV, 8, Budapesto IX.

A.B.C. de Esperanto. Y. H. Isiguro. 42 pp. Lernolibreto en japana lingvo. Prezo ne montrita. Kokusaigo-Kenkju-ŝa, Tokio.

*Rakontoj al mia Belulino. J. Bach-Sisley. Nova provizo de ĉiu tiu bela libro estas denove havebla. 12 rakontoj, plenaj de delikata ĉarmo. 2ŝ, afranko 2p.

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*La Amuzistoj. (Les Bouffons). Miguel Aamacois. Trad. D-ro W. Van der Biest. Kvarakta teatraĵo en versoj. Nova provizo. 122 pp., 1ŝ.

*Why Learn Esperanto? Nova flugfolio. 100 por 1ŝ, afrankite.

*Propaganda poŝtkarto de la Antverpena Kongreso. 10 por 2p., afrankite.

Esperanto-Lehrkurs el "La Policisto." A. H. de Marich. Lernolibreto de Esperanto en germana lingvo, 62 pp. Ĉe la aŭtoro (vidu "Officiala Almanako" supre). Prezo ne montrita.

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A WELL DESERVED HONOUR.

At the close of the Council Meeting on February 18th, the President carried out a congenial task in his happiest manner. Congratulating Mr. Butler on his long service in the Esperanto Cause, and especially upon the devoted, untiring and able way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary to the Association, Mr. Merchant said that a small number of friends, feeling strongly that some expression of appreciation was demanded, but knowing how frequent are the appeals made to Esperantists generally, had constituted themselves representatives of the British Esperantistaro and had given him a pleasant surprise by requesting him, as President, to hand to Mr. Butler a small packet, which they wished Mr. Butler to accept as an honorarium: it contained £48:2:6. The recipient, much embarassed by the total unexpectedness of the gift, had difficulty in expressing his thanks, which were evidently profound and sincere.

The President and members of the Council present, who had the opportunity of adding their contributions to the original gift, recognise that many friends may be disappointed that they were unable to participate, and they therefore suggest that any such should send any contribution they wish to make, to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Robert Robertson (at his private address: 364 Alexandra Park Road, London, N. 22).

Kion mi povas skribi pri la supra paragrafo, kiun oni insistas enmeti, aŭ pri la donaco tiel "princa"

kaj surprizega?

Efektive, mi povas nenion fari, krom balbuti pro mia edzino kaj mi mem plej sinceran kaj elkoran dankon al la nekonataj amikoj, kiuj eksplodigis autaŭ ni tiun bombon. Ankoraŭ ne plene rekonsciiĝinte de la ŝoko, mi ne sentas kapablon diri tion, kion mi volus. Certe (krom anguleto rezervita por mia edzino kaj familio) Esperanto havas mian tutan amon; kaj labori por ĝi estas plezuro kaj honoro, kiu bezonas nenian dankon kaj estas mem sia propra rekompenco. De Esperanto mi ricevis multe pli, ol iam mi donis; mi ŝuldas al ĝi pli da ĝojo en la vivo, ol povus kompreni aŭ kredi la ne-Esperantisto; do la movado ŝuldas nenion al mi. Mi do bone komprenas, ke la donaco simple esprimas la personan bonvolon de amikoj, mem trovitaj pere de Esperanto. Ne povante ilin danki persone, ni devas uzi ĉi tiun malvarman paĝon por esprimi al ili kvankam tre neadekvate la varmegan dankon de nia koro.

M. C. BUTLER.

NEW IDEAS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING. Important Announcement.

From 9th to 20th April, at Abbotsholm School, Rochester, Staffs., an Easter Vacation Course limited to 30 students (teachers or others interested) of either sex, will be held under the leadership of Prof. J. J. Findlay, M.A., Ph.D., Hon. Professor of Education, and Mr. H. H. Walsh, B.A. (Hons. Phil., London), on "The Pedagogy and Psychology of Modern Language Teaching" and "The Psychology of Linguistics."

The course will be of a practical nature, and include Gramophone Records and other special apparatus, also Esperanto; and is designed to help teachers to grasp the principles on which the learner acquires a modern language. Fee: six guineas inclusive. Registration fee (to be deducted from the six guineas), 10/- paid in advance, to The Director of Extra-Mural Studies, The University, Manchester, from whom all further inform-

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